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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, before line 4, please insert:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, between line 7 and line 8, please insert:

C1  
BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

C2  
On page 4, between line 13 and line 14, please insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4, between line 25 and line 26, please insert:

C3  
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, please replace the paragraph that begins on line 1 with the following amendment:

C4  
First, perforated cylinder 2 comprises on its external periphery a cylindrical piece 6 provided with a plurality of through perforations 7. These perforations 7 are aligned with the axis of the cylinder in the form of parallel rows distributed over the entire periphery of the cylinder. Each perforation 7 is equipped with a removable insert 8, which will be described in greater detail with reference to Fig. 2. In another alternative embodiment (not shown), piece 6 insert 8 could be dispensed with and directly replaced by the perforated wall of cylinder 2.

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In one alternative embodiment shown in Fig. 3, insert 8' does not have a flange 8e and recess 8b' emerges in the area of a plane end 8h of the insert. Such an insert does have a sharp edge 8g', formed by the intersection of the inner surface 8f' of recess 8b' with end 8h of the insert 8', which end 8h forms a plane surface (S), which corresponds to the thickness of body 8a'. In this variant, the diameter of perforations 7' increases from first face 6a of piece 6 towards second face 6b of the latter; the diameter of the recess of each insert 8' increases starting from sharp edge 8g'. The flared shape of recess 8' resulting therefrom facilitates the removal of pieces M from recesses 8b'. This additional characteristic can also be applied to a variant having inserts equipped with flanges, of the type shown in Fig. 2.